

Burnt

McKinnon, Wyoming
July 2, 1940

T. H. Humpherys
State Engineer
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sir:

Your letter to Mr. McGinnis relating to the diversion of Hoop Lake waters has been received. It states that our company has built a canal from the West Branch over to the East Branch of Burnt Fork diverting all of the waters to the East Branch of the Creek. This is not a correct representation of conditions. Our canal empties into the West Branch and reaches the East Branch only after flowing down the natural channel of the West Branch thus entering the main body of the Creek. The only ditch carrying water to the East Branch is for a private individual and will be flumed across the West Branch, but as yet it has not carried any water.

It appears that you must be referring to the waters from Indian Springs which our canal collects and empties into the West Branch of the Creek. If it is necessary to flume these springs over the canal we will do so. They only carry two feet of water at the most and the canal will eventually carry twenty feet or more. I have enclosed a sketch endeavoring to give a picture of the situation.

After much work and large expense the water from Hoop Lake reached Burnt Fork on July 1st and was diverted on that date. Today it was found that Mr. Jensen has taken every drop of water belonging to this company. It has probably been through his tactics that you have been misinformed about the Hoop Lake canal. In all of this community you will find that Mr. Jensen is noted for his unscrupulous principles pertaining to the use of water.

In view of these circumstances we are enclosing \$5.00 and request that Ray Stoll be appointed as Commissioner. He is located so that his cost of transportation will not be a burden on us. Our second choice would be Frank Gregory of Lonetree.

We would like conditions straightened out. Our people are very much discouraged, not so much from the lack of water but because the water that rightfully belongs to them is stolen.

Yours very truly,

Henry Heiner
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Sec. of Hoop Lake Reservoir Co.

